

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (Previously presented) A sprayable coating agent in
2 the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated
3 cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof
4 with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or in-organic,
5 coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or
6 organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby
7 the starting materials and/or mixtures thereof being compacted to
8 form a pressed piece, subsequently ground up and optionally sieved,
9 so that the granules have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a mois-
10 ture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/l
11 and so that the ground up and optionally sieved granules have the
12 following particle-size distribution:

13 0 - 40 % by weight	0 - 600 µm
14 5 - 55 % by weight	600 - 1250 µm
15 5 - 95 % by weight	> 1250 µm

16 or

17 0 - 15 % by weight	0 - 800 µm
18 10 - 85 % by weight	800 - 2000 µm
19 0 - 15 % by weight	> 2000 µm.

1 2. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the density of the granules ranges
3 from 1.2 g/cm³ to 3.1 g/cm³.

1 3. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the moisture content of the granules
3 preferably ranges from 2% to 12%.

1 4. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 granules according to claim 1 wherein the bulk density of the
3 granules ranges from 170 g/l to 600 g/l.

1 5. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the granules have the following
3 particle-size distribution:

4 0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 µm
5 1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
6 4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 µm
7 8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
8 10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 µm
9 15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
10 7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 µm.

1 6. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the granules have the following
3 particle-size distribution:

4 5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 μ m
5 10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 μ m
6 25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 μ m
7 7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 μ m
8 3 - 5 % by weight	> 2000 μ m.

1 7. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the cellulose is selected from the
3 group consisting of cotton, linters, pulp, paper, flax, hemp, jute,
4 cuprammonium silk, rayon, lyocel and/or colored fibers.

1 8. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the cellulosic raw material is wood,
3 wood shavings, sawdust, straw and/or cork.

1 9. (Withdrawn) The sprayable coating agent according to
2 claim 1 wherein the synthetic fibers are polyester, polyamid e,
3 polyacrylonitr il e, poly-urethane, polyethylene, polypropylene
4 and/or acetate fibers.

1 10. (Withdrawn) The sprayable coating agent according to
2 claim 1 wherein the inorganic fibers are silicate, water glass,
3 glass, metal and/or carbon fibers.

1 11. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the proportion of cellulosic granules
3 in the mixture ranges from 40% to 100% by weight.

1 12. (Withdrawn) The sprayable coating agent according to
2 claim 1 wherein the proportion of synthetic fibers in the mixture
3 ranges from 0% to 60% by weight.

1 13. (withdrawn) The sprayable coating agent according to
2 claim 1 wherein the proportion of inorganic fibers in the mixture
3 ranges from 0% to 60% by weight.

1 14. (Withdrawn) The sprayable coating agent according to
2 claim 1 wherein the inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or
3 pulverulent substances are marble, quartz sand, silicic acid,
4 chalk, gypsum, carbonates and/or metal oxides.

1 15. (Withdrawn) The sprayable coating agent according to
2 claim 1 wherein the proportion of inorganic coarse-grained, fine-
3 grained or pulverulent substances in the mixture ranges from 0% to
4 40% by weight.

1 16. (Withdrawn) The sprayable coating agent according to
2 claim 1 wherein the organic polymer materials are polyethylene,
3 polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene, polystyrene foam, acrylate
4 s, rubber and/or other modified and unmodified polysaccharides.

1 17. (withdrawn) The sprayable coating agent according to
2 claim 1 wherein the proportion of organic polymer materials in the
3 mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

1 18. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the mixtures contain the familiar
3 auxiliaries and additives in amounts ranging from 0% to 40% by
4 weight.

1 19. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 according to claim 1 wherein the auxiliaries and additives are
3 organic or inorganic substances, colorants, binders, curing agents,
4 dispersants, preservatives, fungicides, mica, flame-resistant
5 materials, nanoparticles of any type and/or water.

1 20. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 ~~granules~~ according to claim 19 wherein the colorant is a white or
3 colored organic or inorganic colorant.

1 21. (Withdrawn) A method for making the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 1, the method comprising the step
3 of:

4 grinding up the fibrous and coarse-grained starting materials
5 before granulation such that the grinding stock has the following
6 particle-size distribution:

7 5 - 1 % by weight	< 100 μm
8 30 -60 % by weight	100 - 250 μm
9 10 -30 % by weight	250 - 400 μm
10 5 -20 % by weight	400 - 600 μm
11 0 - 3 % by weight	< 600 μm .

1 22. (Withdrawn) The method for the production of the
2 sprayable coating agent according to claim 21 wherein the starting
3 materials or material mixtures are compacted in a generally known
4 manner to form a pressed piece using a contact force ranging from
5 30 kN to 400 kN, subsequently ground up and optionally sieved.

1 23. (Withdrawn) The method for the production of the
2 sprayable coating agent according to claim 21 wherein the starting
3 materials or material mixtures are compacted using a commercially
4 available compactor.

1 24. (withdrawn) The method for the production of the
2 sprayable coating agent according to claim 21 wherein some of the
3 auxiliaries or additives are admixed with the starting materials or
4 material mixtures prior to the compacting, grinding or sieving
5 operations.

1 25. (withdrawn) The method for the production of the
2 sprayable coating agent according to claim 21 wherein water is
3 added to the starting materials or material mixtures prior to the
4 compacting, grinding or sieving operations.

1 26. (withdrawn) The method for the further processing of
2 the sprayable coating agent according to claim 21 wherein the
3 granules are stirred with water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty
4 coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 20,000
5 mPas.

1 27. (withdrawn) The method for the further processing of
2 the sprayable coating agent according to claim 1 wherein the
3 granules are stirred with water and optionally with conventional
4 auxiliaries and/or additives to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty
5 coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 80,000
6 mPas.

1 28. (withdrawn) The method for the further processing of
2 the sprayable coating agent according to claim 1 wherein the
3 granules are stirred with water and optionally with colored fibers
4 and/or metallic fibers and/or metallic particles and/or mother-of-
5 pearl and/or inorganic and/or organic dyed particles in order to
6 achieve certain visual effects so as to form a stiff, semi-fluid,
7 pasty coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to
8 90,000 mPas.

1 29. (Withdrawn) The method for the further processing of
2 the sprayable coating agent according to claim 1 wherein the stiff,
3 semi-fluid, pasty coating compound contains 5% to 40% by weight of
4 granules, 0% to 60% by weight of water and 0% to 95% by weight of
5 auxiliaries and/or additives.

1 30. (withdrawn) The method for the further processing of
2 the sprayable coating agent according to claim 1 wherein the stiff,
3 semi-fluid, pasty coating compound is applied onto the wall and/or
4 ceiling surface to be coated with a spraying device such that the
5 desired surface structure can be set by the granularity of the
6 granules.

1 31. (withdrawn) The method for the further processing of
2 the sprayable coating agent according to claim 1 wherein the stiff,
3 semi-fluid, pasty coating compound is applied onto the wall and/or
4 ceiling surface to be coated.

1 32. (withdrawn) The method for the further processing of
2 the sprayable coating agent according to claim 26 wherein the
3 stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating compound retains its stable
4 consistency even after a prolonged pot life, and can be used even
5 after a prolonged period of time.

1 33. (withdrawn) The method for the further processing of
2 the sprayable coating agent according to claim 1 wherein a dry
3 mixture is prepared that contains 5% to 100% by weight of granules
4 and 0% to 95% by weight of auxiliaries and/or additives.

1 34. (withdrawn) The method according to claim 33 for the
2 further processing of the sprayable coating agent wherein the dry
3 mixture is stirred with water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty
4 coating compound and is then applied onto the wall and/or ceiling
5 surface to be coated.

35. (Canceled)

1 36. (withdrawn) A method of applying a decorative
2 coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior
3 surface which comprises the step of applying directly onto the
4 interior or exterior surface the sprayable coating agent defined in
5 claim 1.

1 37. (Previously presented) The sprayable coating agent
2 defined in claim 5 comprising a mixture of pre-ground, non-sieved
3 granules of pulp cellulose as the granules of cellulose, and a
4 colorant as the auxiliary or additive material.